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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being submitted without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, or without any admission that they contain subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Please note that the reference JP-A-2001-515815 is not submitted, as this reference was already submitted with the IDS filed on June 27, 2003.

As U.S. Patent No. 7,092,806 issued from the above-identified patent application on August 15, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the references identified on the attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the application file without being considered by the Examiner.

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